

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

May 13, 2011

Yucca District Meeting

Please join Councilmember Joyce Clark at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 18 at Coyote Ridge Elementary School, 7677 W. Bethany Home Rd. Councilmember Clark and representatives from the Police, Code Compliance and Transportation departments will discuss Yucca District and city-wide issues.

For more information, or if you need special accommodations, call the Council Office at 623-930-2250.



Students' Recycling Efforts Triple Expectations. Fifth graders at Desert Mirage Elementary School know a thing or two about recycling. Actually, they know 11,216 things about recycling. That's how many plastic items they collected and avoided sending to the Glendale landfill. The heaping piles of recyclable plastics, weighing in at 520 pounds, were collected by the students in response to a challenge put out by the city of Glendale Sanitation Department. City workers wanted to make sure the public knew the city had expanded the kind of plastics it accepts for recycling. The city staff also knew the best place to start was with kids.

Still, the Sanitation staff was amazed when students had already tripled their expectations in the first week of the two-week challenge. More than that, the students took it upon themselves to begin teaching others the recycling rules they'd learned – namely that any plastic item bearing a recycling symbol with a 1 through 7 can go in the curbside recycling bin in Glendale.

The students who won the challenge earned a pizza party for their efforts. All the competing classes will get snow cones and a trip to see the next step in recycling when they take a field trip to Glendale's Materials Recovery Facility.

Council Takes Action on Arena Management Agreement and Reservation Land. On Tuesday, the Glendale City Council approved a one year extension to its current Arena Management Agreement with the National Hockey League (NHL). The extended agreement allows for the team to remain in place for the NHL 2011-12 season; allows the NHL and staff additional time to complete the required agreement with an ownership group that will be committed to retaining the team in Glendale.

At the same meeting, the City Council approved filing an appeal with the Arizona Supreme Court in order to overturn a lower court decision that failed to acknowledge a portion of land owned by the Tohono O'dham Nation falls within the city's boundaries due to annexation proceedings dating back to 2001.

Visit www.glendaleaz.com for more information on these topics or to watch the council meeting online.

Glendale 2010 Water Quality Report. The city met all federal and state drinking water quality and environmental regulations in 2010. The 2010 Water Quality Report is available online and is being mailed to all residents during May and June. Also known as the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), this document is required of all public and community water systems under federal law.

<u>Click here</u> to access the report online. A version of the report is available in Spanish to those who request it, by calling 623-930-2700. For more information on Glendale's water quality report and water quality programs, please call 623-930-3885 or visit <u>www.glendaleaz.com/environmentalresources</u>.

City of Glendale - Redistricting Info Request Form. Based on the 2010 U.S. Census, the city of Glendale is required to redraw council district lines. The Voting Rights Act states that all districts in the city must have approximately the same population. If you want to learn more about redistricting and provide your input as the process moves forward, sign up to receive information by clicking on the link below. We'll keep you posted on meeting dates and how you can participate. <u>Sign up here.</u>



Glendale Public Library's New Mobile Version Website. Accessing the library from a browser-enabled cell phone, PDA, iPad, or other mobile device just got a whole lot easier. Glendale Public Library announces the debut of the mobile version of their website, making it more convenient than ever to renew items, look up titles or see what programs are on the calendar.

The mobile version of a website fits the screen size of the device, making navigation much easier by eliminating the need for excessive up and down or sideways scrolling. Services on the library's mobile site include catalog access, hours and locations, today's events, account access, Ask-a-Librarian, e-Books and audiobooks. There is also a link to the library's full website.

To visit the library's new mobile website go to www.glendalelibrary.org/mobile.

Summer Art Camp at Sahuaro Ranch - Students are almost ready to put away their pencils and books for the school year, and Glendale's Summer Art Camp is the perfect place for children to find fun, friends and creative expression.

The City of Glendale Summer Art Camp 2011 will offer an assortment of workshops for youths, ages 6-13. Classes will run from June 27–July 21. Among the many creative activities offered, participants can make art inspired by other cultures, discover screen printing, playwriting, print making, sculpture and plaster casts, and the use of found objects to create recycled art.

83rd **Avenue/Camelback Road**. Beginning Monday, May 16th, contractor crews will begin work near the 83rd Avenue and Camelback Road intersection to work on sewer manholes and pipeline in this area. A sewer bypass line will be in place on Camelback Road, above ground, from approximately 81st Drive to 83rd Avenue, to accommodate this work. During this work, travel lanes will be restricted, and left turns will not be permitted on Camelback Road from 81st Drive to 83rd Avenue. In addition, left turns will not be permitted at the intersection for east and westbound traffic. This work is scheduled to take approximately 7-8 weeks to complete. During the week of May 16th only, traffic approaching Camelback Road from 81st Drive will not be permitted to turn left onto Camelback Road; right turns will be permitted. For more information call the project hotline at 1-877-203-0042.

Around Town

<u>Click here</u> for the City Council meeting schedule. <u>Click here</u> for past Council meeting agendas and minutes. <u>Click here</u> to watch a City Council meeting online.

May Green Living Classes Focus on Energy Use. Join us on Saturday, May 14 for the next set of free classes in the Green Living series presented by the City of Glendale's Conservation and Sustainable Living Program. Classes will be held in the second floor boardroom of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The class times and topics are: Simple Savings 101 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and Solar: A Brighter Future from 1:30 to 2:00 p.m. These classes will repeat on Saturday, May 21.

Glendale residents and non-residents are welcome to attend. All classes are free, but advance registration is required. To sign up for classes, call 623-930-3760. Click here for more information.

Glendale Spark Awards. The Glendale Commission on Neighborhoods encourages residents to nominate a neighbor, volunteer, business, nonprofit or faith-based organization that has made a commitment to the Glendale community by helping and improving Glendale neighborhoods. If you know of someone like this, nominate the person or group for a 2011 Community Spark Award. The deadline to submit nominations is Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

<u>Click here</u> for nomination forms and more information including the six award categories. For other questions, call 623-930-2868.

Business Forum – Designing, Organizing and Growing Your Company. Business networking through the monthly Business Forum at Glendale Library is a productive way of establishing beneficial relationships with potential clients and area business people. June's speaker, Steve Meisenheimer will present, "Designing, Organizing and Growing Your Company." Join us from 5:30–7:15 p.m., Wednesday June 1 in the large meeting room at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown Street. The event is free. For more information about the program or to RSVP, call 602-725-3246.

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